

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

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3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ method of noninvasively focusing acoustical energy on a mass ~~of claim 1~~ within a substance to reduce or eliminate said mass, comprising the steps of:

detecting the presence of said mass in said substance by applying acoustic energy to said substance,

localizing said mass to determine its position within said substance,

developing temporal signatures to drive said acoustical energy on said mass, and

dynamic focusing said acoustical energy on said mass in said substance utilizing said temporal signatures to reduce or eliminate said mass, wherein said step of dynamic focusing said acoustical energy on said mass utilizes time reversal eigen-decomposition.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of noninvasively focusing acoustical energy on a mass of claim 4 wherein said step of developing temporal signatures to drive said acoustical energy on said mass including the includes a step of acquiring ~~the~~ multistatic data matrix using sets of orthogonal weights to increase signal-to-noise ratio.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of noninvasively focusing acoustical energy on a mass of claim 4 wherein said step of dynamic focusing said acoustical energy on said mass utilizes time reversal eigen-decomposition includes selecting eigen-weights and said eigen-weights are selected so that corresponding singular values fit a desired pattern.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of noninvasively focusing acoustical energy on a mass of claim 4 wherein said step of dynamic focusing said acoustical energy on said mass utilizes time reversal eigen-decomposition includes selecting eigen-weights and said eigen-weights are selected to minimize the error with a given reference.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of noninvasively focusing acoustical energy on a mass of claim 7 wherein a said reference is calculated using a simple propagation model.

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21. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ method of treating tissue ~~of claim 18 by~~ noninvasively focusing acoustical energy on a mass within said tissue to reduce or eliminate said mass, comprising the steps of:

detecting the presence of said mass in said tissue by applying acoustic energy to said tissue,

localizing said mass to determine its position within said tissue,

developing temporal signatures to drive said acoustical energy on said mass, and

dynamic focusing said acoustical energy on said mass in said tissue utilizing said temporal signatures to reduce or eliminate said mass wherein said step of dynamic focusing said acoustical energy on said mass utilizes time reversal eigen-decomposition.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of treating tissue of claim 21 wherein said step of developing temporal signatures to drive said acoustical energy on said mass ~~including the~~ includes a step of acquiring multistatic data matrix that uses sets of orthogonal weights to increase signal-to-noise ratio.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of treating tissue of claim 21 wherein said step of dynamic focusing said acoustical energy on said mass utilizes time reversal eigen-decomposition includes selecting eigen-weights and said ~~including selecting~~ eigen-weights are selected so that corresponding singular values fit a desired pattern.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of treating tissue of claim 21 wherein said step of dynamic focusing said acoustical energy on said mass utilizes time reversal eigen-decomposition includes selecting eigen-weights and wherein said eigen-weights are selected to minimize the error with a given reference.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of treating tissue of claim 24 wherein a said reference is calculated using a simple propagation model.

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41. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A system of noninvasively focusing acoustical energy on a mass ~~of claim 38~~ in a substance to reduce or eliminate said mass, comprising:

means for applying acoustic energy to said substance for detecting said mass,

means for localizing said mass,

means for developing temporal signatures for driving said acoustical energy, and

means for dynamic focusing said acoustical energy through said substance on said mass to reduce or eliminate said mass wherein ~~said step~~ of means for dynamic focusing said acoustical energy on said mass utilizes time reversal eigen-decomposition.

42. (Currently Amended) The system of noninvasively focusing acoustical energy on a mass of claim 41 wherein ~~said step of~~ means for developing temporal signatures for driving said acoustical energy includes means for acquiring ~~the~~ a multistatic data matrix that uses sets of orthogonal weights to increase signal-to-noise ratio.

43. (Currently Amended) The system of noninvasively focusing acoustical energy on a mass of claim 41 wherein said time reversal eigen-decomposition includes ~~the~~ eigen-weights are selected so that corresponding singular values fit a desired pattern.

44. (Currently Amended) The system of noninvasively focusing acoustical energy on a mass of claim 41 wherein said time reversal eigen-decomposition includes eigen-weights and wherein ~~the~~ said eigen-weights are selected to minimize the error with a given reference.

45. (Currently Amended) The system of noninvasively focusing acoustical energy on a mass of claim 44 wherein ~~the~~ said reference is calculated using a simple propagation model.

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61. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A system of treating tissue ~~of claim 58 by~~
treating tissue within said tissue to reduce or eliminate said mass, comprising:
means for applying acoustic energy to said substance for detecting said
mass,
means for localizing said mass,
means for developing temporal signatures for driving said acoustical
energy, and
means for dynamic focusing said acoustical energy through said
substance on said mass to reduce or eliminate said mass wherein said ~~step of~~
means for dynamic focusing said acoustical energy on said mass utilizes time
reversal eigen-decomposition.

62. (Currently Amended) The system of treating tissue of claim 61
wherein said ~~step of~~ means for developing temporal signatures for driving said
acoustical energy includes means for acquiring ~~the~~ a multistatic data matrix that
uses sets of orthogonal weights to increase signal-to-noise ratio.

63. (Currently Amended) The system of treating tissue of claim 61
wherein said time reversal eigen-decomposition includes eigen-weights and the
said eigen-weights are selected so that corresponding singular values fit a
desired pattern.

64. (Currently Amended) The system of treating tissue of claim 61
wherein said time reversal eigen-decomposition includes eigen-weights and the
said eigen-weights are selected to minimize the error with a given reference.

65. (Currently Amended) The system of treating tissue of claim 64
wherein ~~the~~ said reference is calculated using a simple propagation model.

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